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FOREIGN MED GRADUATES CAN FINISH INTERNSHIPS IN INDIA

Those with incomplete internships due to war or Covid can finish them in India, the National Medical Commission said

A BOON TO UKRAINE RETURNEES

The decision will benefit medical graduates returning from Ukraine. "Considering the agony and stress faced by these foreign medical graduates, their application to complete the remaining part of an internship in India is considered eligible," the NMC said. But, they must clear the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination before applying for completion of the internship

COLLEGES MUST NOT CHARGE ANY FEE

- The commission said state medical councils may also process applications. They must obtain an undertaking from medical colleges that no fee is charged from foreign medical graduates
- Besides, all benefits enjoyed by Indian graduates at government colleges, like stipend, should be extended to foreign graduates

12 months

DURATION OF MANDATORY INTERNSHIPS FOR MEDICAL GRADUATES

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MEA tells students not to take risks; over 3K brought back to India on Saturday

INDIA PRESSES FOR CEASEFIRE IN SUMY AS PANIC SETS IN

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WITH desperation growing among Indians stuck in Ukraine as Russia's bombings continue relentlessly despite New Delhi's fervent appeals for a ceasefire to evacuate its citizens, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Saturday it is deeply concerned about the safety of around 700 students stranded in Sumy.

India is working hard to get its citizens out of conflict zones and the priority is to evacuate those in Sumy, MEA spokesman Arindam Bagchi said. "Have strongly pressed Russian and Ukrainian governments through multiple channels for an immediate ceasefire to create a safe corridor for students," he said.

The remarks came in the wake of reports of a group of desperate students, worried about running out of essentials before a government-led evacuation would be possible, deciding to proceed on their own to the Russian border braving the torrential shelling. Triggering alarm bells in New Delhi, they posted a video saying, "We are afraid, we have waited a lot and we cannot wait anymore. We are risking our lives and moving towards the border."

Another student said it is hard to stay in bunkers in harsh weather and if evacuation is delayed, students may face health issues. "The embassy says buses and food are waiting for us on Russian border but we are unable to reach there due to heavy shelling," he said.

The students later decided to go back to their shelters after the MEA assured them efforts were on to rescue them. "Have advised our students to take safety precautions, stay inside shelters and avoid unnecessary risks," Bagchi said.

Meanwhile, the civil aviation ministry said 11 flights with more than 2,200 Indian evacuees will operate from Ukraine's neighbouring countries to India on Sunday.

About 3,000 Indians were airlifted on 15 flights to India on Saturday, the ministry's statement noted. **MORE ON: P9,11**

An emotional family member greets a student returning from Ukraine at New Delhi airport | PTI

Russia broke truce deal: Ukraine

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RUSSIA on Saturday offered to allow safe passage to civilians fleeing from the conflict zones of Mariupol and Volnovakha by observing a ceasefire in the two cities. However, soon afterwards, Ukraine claimed it was forced to halt rescue operations as Russia continued to bomb the mutually agreed evacuation routes.

Mariupol had been under continuous brutal assault, which knocked out power, food and water supplies. A larger tragedy may be unfolding as pharmacies are out of medicines, Doctors Without Borders said.

Meanwhile, Zelenskyy stepped up his demand that NATO declare a no-fly zone over Ukraine. Frustrated by the organisation's refusal to agree to his demand, he said, "All the people who die from this day forward will also die because of you."

Enforcing a no-fly zone would mean NATO forces will have to shoot down Russian planes entering Ukrainian airspace, thus entering into a direct conflict with Moscow.

The war, which entered its 10th day on Saturday, has killed about 351 civilians and forced nearly 1.5 million people to flee the country, according to the UN.

PUTIN WARNS NATO OVER NO-FLY ZONE

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday warned the NATO that any attempts to impose a no-fly zone over Ukraine would tantamount to "participation in the armed conflict"

Shekhawat: Union govt can't solve Mekedatu row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A day after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced Rs 1,000 crore for the Mekedatu reservoir project, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Saturday said the Union government cannot resolve the contentious issue as water is a state subject. A solution can be found only when parties involved sit across the table and hammer out a solution. "We can only facilitate and we are ready to do that," said Shekhawat, who was in Bengaluru to review Jal Jeevan scheme implementation.

"Though it is a subject of concern, I cannot talk much as the issue is before the court. I hope and wish that both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu will resolve it, like how Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh did it. The two states have now agreed to connect Ken and Betwa rivers in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Any issue can be resolved if talks are held," he said. Asked further, the minister said he too wished that the Mekedatu project sees the light of day. "The Centre can only facilitate and help technically, and for that, both states have to come forward," he said. Asked whether the Union government is going to facilitate such a meeting, he said it depends on both states. "We are ready to help them in all possible manner."

On the recent Padayatra taken out by the opposition Congress demanding the implementation of the project, Shekawat said Congress was in power for over 55 years. "They did not do their job properly and that is why such problems exist in the country. Congress was in power when the Constitution came into force, but no provision was made for interstate water disputes. They did not have the vision and that is why all the states are involved in water disputes. They have no moral right to question BJP. The BJP government has resolved many issues and will resolve many more. Only a BJP government can resolve the Mekedatu issue too," he said. **P4**

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in conversation with Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

Bommai for amendment to Inter-State Water Disputes Act

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said the Inter-State Water Disputes Act needs to be amended to overcome the narrow political considerations over water disputes and make more water available for people.

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Manipur polls: 76.6% turnout in final phase

Guwahati: The turnout in the second and final phase of Manipur Assembly poll on Saturday was recorded at 76.6% amid stray incidents of violence which resulted in the death of two people. **P10**

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President Vladimir Putin has threatened nuclear retaliation as Ukraine continues to resist their invaders and worldwide sanctions devastate Russia's economy

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COVID-19 WORLDWIDE	MAR 4	MAR 5
Fresh cases	6,946	5,027
Recoveries	13,450	11,651
Deaths	291	289

KARNATAKA	MAR 4	MAR 5
Fresh cases	239	278
Recoveries	648	490
Deaths	6	3

BBMP shuts cafe, honchos turn up heat

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THERE was much frothing and calls for BBMP babus to wake up and smell the coffee, as they sealed, albeit briefly, a popular, niche cafe in upmarket Indiranagar over garbage handling and other compliance issues.

Top business honchos of Bengaluru came out all guns blazing in support of Araku Coffee, which was locked up by BBMP health officials and marshals.

Justifying the action, a BBMP health official, who was part of the inspection, said, "When we went on rounds around 10.30 am on Saturday, we found many violations. The cafe was using banned plastic, had thrown garbage in plastic bags and their trade licence did not have permission to use the high-voltage power that was being utilised. We sealed the cafe as per the BBMP solid waste management rules and disaster management Act. A notice was also served."

But as the day progressed, the cafe threw its doors open for guests. Even as cafe owners refused to comment, their spokesperson told TNSE, "It was a misunderstanding of 15 minutes, which has now been resolved." **P2**

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